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DECISION  
ON PETITION

In re Patent No.	RE 32969
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Application No.	07/116,579
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed September 7, 1999, to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued September 10, 1985. Accordingly, the third maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from September 10, 1996 through March 10, 1997, or with a surcharge during the period from March 11, 1997 through September 10, 1997. This patent expired on September 11, 1997. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The decision mailed October 12, 1999, is hereby vacated.

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